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Blitum capitatum, L.,—I have received from Delhi, Delaware Co., and hear that in that region it is not uncommon. I believe that it grows also in the neighborhood of Chester and Goshen, Orange Co., and I am very sure I have heard of its being found in Rockland Co. I have also heard of and seen it all the way from Rochester to Rome.

Blitum Bonus-Henricus, Reich.,—I have found at Blue Point, L. I., near Throgs Neck, and at other places in the S. E. part of Westchester Co. In Central and West N. Y. it is not at all uncommon. At Auburn, Aurelius, Clinton, Oriskany, and many other places I have seen it abundant. It loves the neighborhood of old wood piles, and corners of fences, and situations under the beams and around the posts of open sheds.

Salsola Kali, L.,—I have seen growing on the H. R. R. R. track, where it was daily passed over by the locomotives, all the way from Tarrytown to Sing Sing. It is quite common as far up the river as Tarrytown. I have often seen it growing in the interstices of timber wharves, high up above the water, where the wheels of carriages disturbed it continually.

Polygonum amphibium, L.,—The two varieties grow larger in and on the shores of the outlets of the lakes of Western N. Y. than I have ever seen them elsewhere. On the shore of the Owasco Outlet the plant very frequently grows in a patch lying partly in and partly out of the water, all apparently the same in immediate origin. That growing on the shore and for a foot or two from the edge standing in the water is the Var. *terrestre*; then, beyond it, trails in the water the Var. *aquaticum*. I cannot believe that there is any thing permanent in the varieties, but am of the opinion that the same plant will change its form according to circumstances. There are also intermediate forms which it is hard to class under either variety.

Asplenium pinnatifidum, Nutt.,—I learn that the Philadelphia locality of this plant is entirely destroyed, a new road or drive having just been blasted through by the Fairmount Park Commission. The fern grew in crevices on the steep sides of the cliff along the Schuylkill in the rear of Laurel Hill Cemetery. The taking off of the face of the cliff has entirely destroyed the locality and robbed Fairmount Park of its rarest plant. It is to be hoped that a few spores have made their way to some new crevice, and that the region may be replenished. Jan. 19th.

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